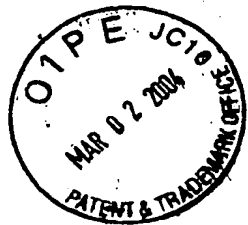


41
ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
069204.0118

03-03-04
3663
PATENT
10/028,576

1
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: Mohammed N. Islam, et al.
Serial No.: 10/028,576
Filing Date: December 20, 2001
Group Art Unit: 3663
Examiner: Mark Hellner
Confirmation No.: 3289
Title: OPTICAL AMPLIFICATION USING LAUNCHED
SIGNAL POWERS SELECTED AS A FUNCTION OF A
NOISE FIGURE

RECEIVED
MAR - 9 2004
GROUP 3600

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

"EXPRESS MAIL"

Express Mailing Label Number

EV 324646171 US

Date of Deposit March 2, 2004.

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Willie Jiles

Willie Jiles

Dear Sir:

Response Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments.